

738 Upper Mountain Road Site-OSC Daly, OSC Lisichenko

Good Evening:

Attached is a Pollution Report (POLREP) regarding:

USEPA Region II
738 Upper Mountain Road Site
738 Upper Mountain Road, Lewiston, NY

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<http://response.epa.gov/738UpperMountainRoad>

Regards,

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From June 30, 2016 through August 13, 2017 the following tasks/events occurred:

On July 5, 2016, Dan Telvock newscast and article released regarding radioactive hot spots in Niagara County.

On July 14, 2016, Senator Schumer reacts to Dan Telvock report and request EPA Administrator to assess all radioactive hot spots in Niagara County. Report mentions NFB, HTC and 738 UMR sites. At this time, OSC Daly and HP Nguyen were requested by RPB/RAB Management to review Pre-Remedial data and other historical data to determine if further assessment and potential removal action is warranted. This property was referred to USEPA from New York State and exhibits similar radiological contamination characteristics as the Niagara Falls Boulevard Site and Holy Trinity Cemetery Site (Also in Lewiston, NY).

The week of September 12, 2016, OSC Daly made contact with the property owners (Resident of 738 Upper Mountain Road and the property owner of the driveway that is utilized by the resident). Margo Ludmer (EPA ORC), has been communicating with the driveway property attorney.

On September 23, 2016, OSC Daly, HP Nguyen, OSC Magriples, RAB Chief Rotola, Angela Carpenter and RPM Andrew Fessler participated in a phone conference regarding UMR assessment history and next steps. It was determined that further assessment work was necessary to calculate risk via PRG. Access agreements are currently being requested. OSC Daly was made the lead for this assessment and potential removal action.

On September 30, 2016, OSC Daly, EPA ERT HP Nguyen and EPA ERT HP Kappelman visited 738 Upper Mountain Road and received the signed access agreement from the resident.

On October 11, 2016, Attorney Ludmer received the access agreement from property owner Talarico Brothers Properties.

On October 25, 2016, OSC and Weston performed gammas survey of both properties.

On October 28, 2016, sample points were marked out by OSC and Weston.

On October 31, 2016, Utility Mark Out of the proposed sampling point areas was requested.

OSC Daly spoke to Union Carbide/Dow representative.

On November 07, 2016, the draft gamma survey figure was emailed to property owners.

On November 09, 2016, OSC Daly and 2 Weston personnel deployed to Steelworks Industrial Park Fire response and the Dan Telvock interview postponed.

On November 18, 2016, OSC Daly and Weston conducted soil sampling at 738 UMR Site.

On December 06, 2016, the on-site HPGe soil sampling analysis was complete.

On December 07, 2016, soil samples were shipped to certified fix laboratory.

On December 09, 2016, Reporter Dan Telvock conducted phone interview with OSC Daly.

On December 14, 2016, Reporter Dan Telvock conducted phone interview with EPA Public Official, Michael Basile.

On February 02, 2017, Reporter Dan Telvock conducted phone interview with EPA Health Physicist, Lyndsey Nguyen (Daly, Basile, & Rodriguez also on call).

On February 09, 2017, Dan Telvock Investigative Reporter news broadcast was aired.

On February 23, 2017, the preliminary soil sample results from the fixed laboratory were received.

On June 27, 2017, the soil sample results table was received from Weston.

On June 29, 2017, preliminary PRG calculations started.

On July 13, 2017, OSC sent email regarding status of Niagara County Sites to property owners, local & state agencies.

On August 08, 2017, OSC Daly contacted resident at 738 UMR site to schedule gamma survey and radon canister sampling. Property attorney was also contacted.

On August 9, 2017, Reporter Dan Telvock discussed Niagara County Site status with OSC Daly and Mike Basile via phone interview. Mike Basile will work with Public Affairs Office with any future media requests during this inactive phase.

On August 11, 2017, OSC Daly, HP Nguyen, & Weston conducted gamma survey of interior home. There were no elevated gamma readings above background. The radon specialist placed radon canisters throughout the home. Pick up scheduled for 08/14/2017.

Anticipated Activities:

Pick up radon canisters at resident home.

Review radon data.

Run PRG calculations.

Planned Response Activities

There are no planned response activities at this time.

Next Steps

Determine removal eligibility.

Issues

None

Personnel On-Site:

OSC Daly

EPA ERT Health Physicist Lyndsey Nguyen

Weston